



CANCER  
LIBRARIANS  
SECTION

NEWS



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## FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

Our Section got off to a great start in San Antonio this May. In addition to a productive business meeting, we had a record 66 attendees at our Section program. Eve Ruff and Rosemary Laidacker offered insight and practical ideas for accessing cancer information via Internet. The officers have exciting plans for the coming year as well.

We owe thanks to those who served as officers last year: Paul Kittle, immediate past President, and Mary Sprague, Secretary, 1993-94. Other Section officers continue in office, including: Gayle Ablove, Treasurer; Karen Albert, Newsletter Editor; Margaret Vugrin, Section Council Representative and Newsletter Co-Editor; Dorothy Maucione, Section Council Alternate, and Mary Edith Walker, Chair-elect (now Chair).

A special word of thanks is due to Susan Michaelson, who came to MLA with the new edition of *Clinical Oncology: a Selected List of New Books*. Susan and her committee have produced an outstanding bibliography. If you have not yet purchased a copy, you'll want to do it soon. (See order form in this issue).

You will notice that we are holding elections early this year, a procedure agreed upon at our business meeting. In the past, officers have been elected just before MLA, which puts them at a disadvantage in planning a program. MLA now expects that chairs-elect will arrive at the annual meeting with a program idea for the following year. By having an extra nine months to confer with colleagues, our officers will have additional time to plan joint programs with other sections or to survey members about their interests.

Congratulations are due to Paul Kittle, who was presented not one, but TWO leadership awards by the Hospital Libraries Section in San Antonio. Way to go, Paul!

Finally, you'll find our Section's objectives in another article in this newsletter. They are our most ambitious ever, but we definitely have a "can-do" Section. Please look for ways you can be involved, and act upon your ideas. I encourage you to send your suggestions to me or to the other officers, and I look forward to working with you during this year.

Mary Edith Walker

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## **CANCER LIBRARIANS SECTION OBJECTIVES 1994-1995**

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1. To publish the Section newsletter three times, including more substantive articles on topics such as the impact of health care reform on cancer libraries, cancer libraries and JCAHO, and NCI Core Grants and library support.
  2. To present a program at the annual meeting of MLA in 1995.
  3. To design a Section brochure for consideration at the 1995 business meeting of the Section.
  4. To establish a listserv for the Section.
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### **SECTION PROGRAM DRAWS CROWD**

"Cancer on the Internet" attracted members and non-members of the Section to an excellent program. Eve Ruff and Rosemary Laidacker presented complementary papers about cancer information available via Internet.

Eve Ruff, who is our new Chair-elect, gave an overview of sources of data, plus valuable information on ways of accessing data on the Internet. Eve is Head of Library Services at Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle. She distributed a handout entitled, "Selected Cancer Resources on the Internet," which is included in this newsletter.

Rosemary Laidacker, Associate Director for the Texas Cancer Data Center Project located in Houston, explained the database she manages, which includes extensive statistical information about cancer in Texas, as well as directory and explanatory text for physicians and diseases. No other state has a comparable database, which provides food for thought among librarians interested in increasing access to such data.

Extra chairs were required to accommodate the 66 people who attended the program. If you weren't among them, make plans now to be at MLA and at the Section program in May of '95.

Mary Edith Walker, Section Chair

## SELECTED CANCER RESOURCES ON THE INTERNET

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Listed below are the resources, with locator information, current as of Sunday, May 15, 1994. There are often numerous ways to reach the listed resources. In most cases, I have listed only one - usually a Gopher means, at that. While every effort has been made to verify the accuracy of this information, it is important to remember that the net is constantly changing and with that servers move and addresses change with great regularity. Often, if the server administrator is observing "network courtesy," you will find an announcement enabling you to follow the trail to the new location.

In the event that you cannot connect to a resource mentioned here, please feel free to contact me at [eruff@fred.fhcrc.org](mailto:eruff@fred.fhcrc.org).

### 1. Guides to resources:

#### **HMATRIX-L:**

Send an e-mail message to [listserv@ukanaix.cc.ukans.edu](mailto:listserv@ukanaix.cc.ukans.edu) with no subject and the message subscribe HMATRIX-L.

**Internet/Bitnet Health Sciences Resources:** For the most recent files, telnet or Gopher to KUFacts, ([ukanaix.cc.ukans.edu](http://ukanaix.cc.ukans.edu)) and login as kufacts. Numerous Gophers on the net point directly to this list, but one word of caution - administrators do not always update expeditiously!

**The Medical List:** I pointed my Gopher client to The Clearinghouse for Subject Oriented Guides on the Sciences to find this resource. As it is extremely new (version 1.0), the author acknowledges that widespread distribution and WWW access are as yet to come. Point your client to [una.hh.lib.umich.edu](http://una.hh.lib.umich.edu), port70 and follow the directory path to `inetrdirsstacks/medclin:malet`.

**Guide to Molecular Biology Databases:** This Guide is extremely new.  
<http://asa.ugl.lib.umich.edu/chdocs/index.html>

[ftp ftp.srv.ualberta.ca/pub/docs/internet.docs/mbguide.doc](ftp://ftp.srv.ualberta.ca/pub/docs/internet.docs/mbguide.doc) (486 kb)

For an authoritative list of locations you can e-mail the author, Damian Hayden, at [damian\\_hayden@cc.chiron.com](mailto:damian_hayden@cc.chiron.com)

**LiMB Listing of Molecular Biology Databases.** The preferred method of obtaining this document is by sending e-mail request to a mail server. You will receive the LiMB database by e-mail in several parts. Send your mail to [bioserv@life.lanl.gov](mailto:bioserv@life.lanl.gov), with no subject line and the message: limb-data.

### 2. Subject examples:

**CancerNet:** Send a message to [cancernet@icicb.nci.nih.gov](mailto:cancernet@icicb.nci.nih.gov) with no subject and the message help. You should receive a response in 10-15 minutes. Then request specific files, send another e-mail message including the codes for the desired files.

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CancerNet is also available on many Gophers. For those with a Gopher client, point it to [gopher.nih.gov](http://gopher.nih.gov), port 70:

There is a good treatment of CancerNet in Database (February 1994, p.86-88).

**Breast Cancer Information Clearinghouse:** The BCIC is accessible via gopher at [nysernet.org](http://nysernet.org) or through WWW at <http://nysernet.org/>

**OncoLink:** This WWW and gopher server can be accessed by pointing your Gopher client to host [cancer.med.upenn.edu](http://cancer.med.upenn.edu). Be sure to specify port=80. For WWW access you can reach OncoLink at <http://cancer.med.upenn.edu/>

**Institutional and society gophers:** To access the following institutional or society gophers, point your clients to the following addresses and ports.

<u>Name of sponsoring institution</u>	<u>Gopher address and port:</u>
University of Texas, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center	<a href="http://utmdacc.uth.tmc.edu">utmdacc.uth.tmc.edu</a> ,port70
Dana Farber Cancer Institute	<a href="http://farber.dfc.harvard.edu">farber.dfc.harvard.edu</a> ,port70
Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center	<a href="http://gopher.fhcrc.org">gopher.fhcrc.org</a> ,port70
Scripps Research Institute	192.231.106.66,port80
FASEB:	<a href="http://gopher.faseb.org">gopher.faseb.org</a> ,port70
NIH	<a href="http://gopher.nih.gov">gopher.nih.gov</a> ,port70
National Cancer Center (Tokyo)	<a href="http://gopher.ncc.go.jp">gopher.ncc.go.jp</a> ,port70
Johns Hopkins University, Welch Medical Library	<a href="http://welchlink.welch.jhu.edu">welchlink.welch.jhu.edu</a> ,port70

### 3. Form Examples:

**AIDS Book Review Journal** can be accessed by pointing your Gopher client to host [ucsbuxa.ucsb.edu](http://ucsbuxa.ucsb.edu),port3001 and going to the directories:journals/.A/.AIDS. To subscribe over the Internet to a listserv send e-mail to [Listserv@UICVM.UIC.EDU](mailto:Listserv@UICVM.UIC.EDU), with no subject and in the body of the message sub AIDSBKRV your first and last name.

**The Journal of NIH Research** can be accessed by pointing your Gopher client to host [gopher.internet.com](http://gopher.internet.com),port2100 and going to the directories: /alpha by title/g-1/.

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**The Encyclopedia of the Mouse Genome** can be read by pointing your Gopher client to host to merlot.gdb.org,port70 and going to the directories: database-local/mouse/encyclopedia.

To send **search requests to the FHCRC Blocks server**, you can point your Gopher client to host gopher.fhcrc.org,port70 or send an e-mail message to blocks@howard.fhcrc.org.

**Some** of the **listservs** with cancer-related information and discussion are included here. For a more complete list, please check the Hancock guide, as cited above. In all cases below, the name of the list appears with the address for subscription requests and registration. In most cases, a message such as Subscribe List\_Name Your\_Name - puts you on the mailing list.

Name of list    Subscription/registration address:

cancer-1	listserv@WVNM.SVNET.EDU
braintmr	listserv@MITVMA.MIT.EDU
medlib-1	listserv@UBVM.CC.BUFFALO.EDU
hmatrix-1	listserv@UKANAIX.CC.UKANS.EDU

**Usenet newsgroups** require that you have access to a news feed and client software for reading on your workstation. I presently use Nuntius for the Macintosh or Trumpet for the Windows environment, however there are dozens of readers available. I suggest that you check with your institution for further information regarding what clients are supported.

The **Bionet newsgroup** has been linked into the FHCRC Gopher, and can be reached by pointing your client to gopher.fhcrc.org,port70 and looking in the Shared Resources/Biocomputing folder for the Bionet listing.

Eve M. Ruff  
eruff@fred.fhcrc.org

last revised: May 15, 1994

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## What are your favorite resources to answer Cancer related questions?

Send your suggestions to Margaret Vugrin at the mailing address or e-mail address on page 2. We will summarise your suggestions in the next issue.

**Cancer Librarians Section  
Minutes - Annual Business Meeting  
May 15, 1994**

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Attendees:

Gayle Ablove, Roswell Park Cancer Institute  
Karen Albert, Fox Chase Cancer Center  
Jeanne Becker, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center  
Barbara Bertram, Glaxo Inc.  
Amy Butros, UCLA Biomedical Library  
Ann Marie Clark, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center  
Allison Conitz, La Jolla Cancer Research Foundation  
Lucia M. Hoffenberg, Pan American Health Organization  
Sara Jean Jackson, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center  
Paul Kittle, Loma Linda University Medical Center  
Beth Lewis, Fox Chase Cancer Center  
Stephanie Lipow, Lexical Technology, Inc.  
Halyna Liszczyński, Faxton Hospital  
Dottie Maucione, Calvary Hospital  
Susan Michaelson, Texas Medical Association  
Mary Sprague, Ohio State University Health Sciences Library  
Paula Turley, Scripps Research Institute  
Margaret Vugrin, Texas Tech University Library of the  
Health Sciences  
Mary Edith Walker, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital  
Cheryl Warren, Valley Care Health Library

Paul Kittle, Chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 3:30 PM. All Section members and guests present introduced themselves.

Amy Butros requested that all members consider teaching the MLA Oncology CE course. She has recently taught the course and found it rewarding. Instructors are needed. Contact Amy to discuss her experience, or MLA to find out more about this opportunity.

**Old Business:**

Treasurer Gayle Ablove announced that the section treasury balance is \$1856.75.

Karen Albert, editor of the "Cancer Librarians Section News," asked members to forward ideas or articles for inclusion in the "News." There are three issues per year, so keep her informed of news, suggestions, or announcements that would be interesting to section members. Karen plans to give up the editor position next year. A volunteer is needed. Note that editorship earns significant points for Academy members.

Margaret Vugrin, Section Council Representative, reported the news from Section Council (her full report is included in this newsletter). Margaret asked members for their opinions on the creation of three new SIG's: Clinical Librarian, Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Librarians and Army Medical Librarians. Our Section's consensus was that if these groups wished to form SIG's, and the formation was within MLA guidelines, then we support their plans.

Margaret also reported that a number of sections are creating Listserv's. The group discussed

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the creation of a list for our section. Only one member present did not have Internet access, and she was working on getting access. Section members agreed to pursue creating a Cancer Librarians Section list. (Later Eve Ruff agreed to be the list owner and to handle the creation of the list.)

Susan Michaelson, Editor of the Section's "Clinical Oncology: A Selected List of New Books 1992-1994," announced the availability of copies. She distributed complimentary copies to the thirteen contributors, and thanked these Section members for their involvement. Contact Susan to order copies, priced at \$10 each. Members were encouraged to spread the word about this publication. Several members agreed to place an "ad" in the various Chapter newsletters. Susan will provide the ad copy. An announcement will also be placed on MEDLIB-L. After a discussion about the price, Gayle Ablove moved to raise the price; Jean Becker seconded the motion. After more discussion, the group concluded that more information about production costs was needed. Mary Edith Walker moved that we table the motion; seconded by Karen Albert. Susan will monitor production and distribution costs for future discussion.

The new officers were announced: Mary Edith Walker, Chair; Eve Ruff, Chair-elect; Barbara Bertram, Secretary. All other officers continue.

**New Business:**

Mary Edith Walker facilitated the remainder of the meeting. She congratulated the Section members for the fine programming at the meeting and encouraged us to attend our "Cancer on the Internet" presentation, as well as the two poster sessions.

Since our section does not have a procedures manual, a committee has been formed to draft one for discussion and review at next year's meeting. Committee members are Jean Becker, Amy Butros, and Paul Kittle.

Mary Edith reported that the deadline for section officers to take office has been moved to March. Therefore, she proposed that we hold our election in the Fall. A nominating committee will be formed. Contact Mary Edith if you are interested in nominating someone or are interested in an office. (See enclosed ballot, write in candidates are welcomed.)

Mary Edith then reported on MLA's priorities:

1. Help with JCAHO's new standards
2. Implement "The Platform for Change"
3. Strengthen MLA, through CGI and Fundraising
4. Identify and articulate our role in NREN
5. Health Care Reform

One thing section members can do is to send JCAHO survival stories to Karen Albert, newsletter editor, so that we can learn from each other's experiences. Mary Edith stated that it is time for us to stretch as a section. Section members are encouraged to think about our goals and objectives and to let Mary Edith know where the section is headed and what it should be doing.

Mary Sprague, Secretary  
Cancer Librarians Section

## Section Council Report

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The following are notes and brief comments from the Section Council Meeting held May 16, 1993, at the Annual Meeting of MLA in Chicago.

MLA will be reviewing its governance policies this year.

Two new task forces have been established. The Research Task Force has been designed to support MLA members doing research and the MLA/NLM Collaboration Task Forces will work on collaboration between the two institutions.

MLA has drafted a "Code of Ethics." Copies are available from the MLA office.

The 1993/1994 year will be one that sees the implementation of "Platform for Change." Copies are available from MLA.

Starting with the 1994 meeting in San Antonio, May 13-19, 1994, sections will be heavily involved with the actual programming at the annual meetings. This can be done either individually, or in conjunction with other sections. The National Program Committee will serve as a funneling vehicle, channeling presentations or posters to the appropriate section's programming committee. Sections will have final say as to acceptance of items.

A fixed schedule has been adopted for the '94, '96, and '97 meetings. The '95 meeting in Washington will not follow this fixed schedule, as it will be a combined meeting with the International Congress of Medical Librarians. The '95 meeting will also be held beginning May 5th for this same reason. The theme for this international meeting will be "Health Information for the Global Village".

There was discussion about the difference between "Interest Groups" (they have less governance) and "Sections".

If sections are planning to develop standards, they are required to notify MLA.

MLA Board meetings will now be held in September and February.

Margaret Vugrin  
Cancer Librarians Section  
Section Council Representative

**CLINICAL ONCOLOGY:  
A SELECTED LIST OF NEW BOOKS 1992-94**

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The new 1992-94 edition of CLINICAL ONCOLOGY: A SELECTED LIST OF NEW BOOKS has just been published. This fourth edition includes reviews of oncology texts which might be considered for purchase by a medical library. All reviews are written by medical librarians with expertise in clinical oncology. Full citations, price approximations, journal review locations, and Brandon/Hill list information are given for each title. The publication costs \$10 and must be prepaid. To order, send a check payable to MLA-Cancer Librarians Section, and forward to:

MLA - Cancer Librarians Section  
c/o Susan J. Michaelson  
Texas Medical Association Library  
401 West 15th St.  
Austin, TX 78701-1680  
512-370-1541

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Please mail a copy of:

CLINICAL ONCOLOGY: A SELECTED LIST OF NEW BOOKS 1992-1994 to:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

I have enclosed my check for \$10.00 payable to MLA - Cancer Librarians Section.

**WANTED:  
NEW NEWSLETTER EDITOR  
FOR CANCER LIBRARIANS SECTION NEWS**

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Our Section will need a new Newsletter Editor as of May, 1995; since I have decided to step down at that time. I have tried to outline what is involved in filling this role, along with the benefits of serving the Section in this way.

The Newsletter Editor collects, edits, and writes articles for the thrice-yearly newsletter. As your Editor, I try to solicit material from individuals as much as possible, and I utilize information in press releases received from MLA national headquarters.

The Editor needs to be a responsible, organized individual, with good writing skills, and some time available each year in mid- late summer, mid-winter, and early spring (before the MLA Annual Meeting). The Co-editor, Margaret Vugrin, has graciously agreed to continue to handle the printing and distribution of the newsletter. As Editor, you become familiar with other Section members, and with news from MLA. A substantial award of points is granted by the Academy of Health Information Professionals for editing a newsletter. The editorship also provides an outlet for creativity, since the Editor controls the content and format of the newsletter.

All in all, I've enjoyed my tenure as Editor. I feel ready to turn over the reins to someone else, following the Spring, 1995 issue. Please notify me if you have any interest in filling this position:

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## **JCAHO SURVEY: RESOURCE CENTER VISIT**

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Faxton Hospital is a 170-bed acute care facility with specialty centers in cancer (Regional Cancer Center) and rehabilitation. The Medical Library at Faxton Hospital is a one-person library. It contains over 800 books and 120 journals, and provides on-line and CD-ROM databases, as well as Internet access.

Faxton Hospital had its JCAHO survey on April 20-22, (dates indelibly etched in my mind), with a separate Lab and Rehab survey the following week. Preparation began at the hospital when the 1994 manuals were received, and many of us began before that. Administration assigned people to be coordinators of the scheduled visits/committees during the survey. Department Directors had the responsibility of preparing their areas, their documentation, and anything else needed during the survey. As Director of Library Services, I naturally was assigned the job of coordinator of the Resource Center visit.

JCAHO's changing emphasis from services/departments to processes caused several departments/services to be merged into one chapter. The best example of this is the Management of Information chapter that this year merged the standards of the Resource Center (Medical Library), Medical Records, Computer Services, and to a smaller degree, Nursing, Pharmacy, QI, Finance, Tumor Registry, etc. From this chapter, the Library has one scored item among several items that are not scored at this time.

### Documentation

Reviewing the Information Management Chapter, I found that there were several standards not directed towards the Medical Library (IM.2.1-im.2.3) but that could well be applied to it. You may also want to check the Patient/Family Education Chapter and the Orientation Chapter to see if there are items that apply.

I was required to submit to Administration a list of standards that applied to the Library, along with the documentation that would show I met the standards. Since I was not sure how much time would be allotted to the Library, I also included a completed Library and Information Services Evaluation Checklist from the Hospital Library Section, MLA (National Network 18(2), November, 1993). Documentation could include: policy and procedure manuals, QI studies, Library Committee minutes, needs assessment/user satisfaction surveys, library newsletters, etc. All documentation submitted was kept in the surveyors' meeting room during their 3-day stay.

### Preparation

In preparation for the JCAHO visit, I completely rewrote the Library Policy and

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Procedure Manual, and I updated orientation instructions, and equipment usage instructions. I cleaned, shifted, and straightened up the Library with the help of two volunteers. Tabbing my manuals by specific standards was probably the most time-consuming job. I also made sure that the staff/physicians/administration knew where the Library was, what I did, and what services the Library provided. A little last minute PR really helped!

One of the best things that our administration did to prepare us was to gather all the department directors together for the purpose of reviewing the entire JCAHO manual and the documentation the hospital would be submitting. This was completed in three four-hour sessions. It gave us a chance to add or delete any documentation we had forgotten and also enabled departments to suggest documentation that might be added. As a result, Library documentation was added regarding the orientation of library or hospital staff to CD-ROM databases, on-line databases, DOCLINE, OCLC, and Internet. At this meeting, all documentation was classified as primary or secondary.

No documentation is needed during the Resource Center visit, but I would suggest making copies of anything you feel you might need or would like to show. I was not asked to produce any type of documentation during the survey visit.

### Resource Center Visit

The Resource Center visit was scheduled for the second day—for 45 minutes. The Vice President, CEO of the hospital, escorted the JCAHO hospital administrator. The administrator was 20 minutes late, so the Resource Center visit was cut to 20 minutes. The administrator toured the Library, poking his head into all the offices, and stack and reference areas. Then we all sat, and he asked questions. All the questions were based on the standards.

Some of the questions dealt with:

Access to the Library—

after hours and who can use the Library

On-line databases, CD-ROM—ease of access

Budget—was it adequate?

Responsibility for book/journal purchases—who had final decision-making authority, role of the Library Committee

ILL, On-line LATCH, Internet,

Needs assessment/user survey—asked for specific examples,

Subject areas not covered by the collection—how we get information in these areas; collection development policy; consortium collection policies.

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I found it interesting that every time someone referred to the Medical Library, the JCAHO surveyor corrected him by saying "Resource Center." Later that day, I got the opportunity to have the nurse surveyor come to the Library. She stayed for five minutes, but did ask to see the nursing books and journals. She asked if they were used. On the last day of the survey, the physician surveyor came to the Library unexpectedly and stayed for 15 minutes. His questions dealt with:

How to obtain an article/book not in the Library—discussion  
of DOCLINE and OCLC,  
Books on trauma—We do not do trauma at our hospital, so we  
talked more about ILL,  
MEDLINE, MEDLINE on CD-ROM—Were physicians doing their own  
searching?  
The book collection in general.

I realize that I was extremely lucky to have all three surveyors visit the Library.

### Committees

I also participated as a member of the following committees: Information Management, Patient/Family Education, and Hospital- Wide Education. No specific questions were asked of me. The coordinators of each event did stress the importance of the Library.

After seeing me four times during one day, the administrative surveyor got the impression that the Library played an integral part in the hospital. It also didn't hurt when administration and physicians also praised the Library during other committees/visits.

### RESULT

It was worth the effort. The Medical Library scored a 1 (highest score), and the hospital did extremely well.

This information was basically a summary of a talk I gave on June 28, 1994 to the Capital District Library Council in Albany, NY, entitled, "JCAHO Survey: Resource Center or Medical Library."

Halyna Liszczyński  
Director of Library Services  
Faxton Hospital  
Utica, NY

## SECTION CANDIDATES FOR 1995 OFFICERS

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Please be sure to complete and mail in the election ballot found in this issue, so that new officers can be in place and begin planning programming for MLA, 1996. Program ideas are needed by MLA national one year in advance. Biographies of the candidates are summarized below:

### Chair-Elect

(1-year term): Gayle J. Ablove

Education: BA, magna cum laude.

State University of NY at  
Buffalo

Work Experience: Roswell Park Cancer Institute  
Buffalo, NY:

1992-present, Library Director

1991-92 Acting Library Director

Senior Librarian:

1991-94, Head of Circulation

1988-present, Head of Interlibrary Loan

1989-94, Head of Reference

1987-present, Reference Librarian

1982-87, Head of Technical Services

Assistant Librarian:

1976-82, Chief Cataloger

Professional Activities/Groups

Medical Library Association:

Cancer Librarians Section

Treasurer, 1985-87 and 1992-95

Public Services Section

Medical Informatics Section

Upstate New York and Ontario Chapter

Library Consortium of Health Institutions in  
Buffalo. President, 1994-95

Western New York Health Sciences Librarians.  
Member at Large, 1991-92.

Western New York Library Resources Council:  
Interlibrary Loan Committee, 1988-present

Greater Northeastern Regional Medical Library:  
Ad Hoc Committee on Tech. Services, 1981.

Health Sciences OCLC Users Group, 1977-89:  
Recording Secretary, 1988.

Nominating Committee Chair, 1980.

CC:DA Committee, 1979.

Presentation: Holdings of Monographic Cancer  
Literature for Health Professionals in  
NY State. MLA Annual Meeting, Cancer  
Librarians Section, 1982.

Teaching: Instructor for graduate level course  
"Cancer Research Information Sources," at the  
State Univ. of NY at Buffalo, Roswell Park  
Graduate Division

### Treasurer

(3-year term): Annette Sober

Education: BA, MLS, University of Illinois,  
Urbana

Work Experience: 1980-present,  
Medical Librarian  
Miller-Dwan Medical Center  
Duluth, MN

1972-73, Head, Reference Division  
Biomedical Library, UCLA

1968-72, Asst. Head Public Services  
Biomedical Library, UCLA

1964-68, Reference Librarian  
Biomedical Library, UCLA

Professional Activities/Groups:  
Member, MLA, since 1964

Member, MLA, Hospital Libraries Section

Member, AHIP

1986-88, Secretary, Cancer Librarians  
Section, MLA

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**Secretary**

(1-year term): Halyna Liszczynskyj  
Education: BS, MLS, State University of New York, College at Geneseo

Work Experience: 1991-present, Director of Library Services,  
Faxton Hospital, Utica, NY

1986-91 Medical Librarian, Dept. of Veterans Affairs Hospital Med. Ct., Brooklyn, NY

1985-86 Asst. Veterinary Librarian, School of Veterinary Medicine, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

1982-84 Asst. Catalog Librarian, Medical Library, Northwestern Univ., Chicago, IL

Professional Activities/Groups:  
June, 1994, Presentation: "JCAHO Survey: Resource Center or Medical Library" to Capital District Library Council, Albany, NY

**Section Council Representative**

(3-year term): Margaret Vugrin  
Education: BA, cum laude and M.S.L.S with Specialty in Medical Librarianship, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH

Work Experience: 1986 - present  
Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Library, Reference Librarian

1972 John Crerar Medical Library, Illinois Institute of Technology, Inter-Library Loan Librarian

Professional Activities/Groups:  
Member, MLA 1986 - to present  
Member, Cancer Librarians Section  
Section Council Rep. 1991-present  
Co-Editor News

Member, Public Services Section  
Editor Newsletter 1994-

Member, South Central Regional Group

1986 - present

**Section Council Alternate**

(3-year term): Cindy Suter  
Education: BFA, Memphis College of Arts; MLS, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Work Experience: 1992 - present,  
Assistant Director,  
St. Jude Children's Research Hospital  
Biomedical Library  
Memphis, TN

1979-92 - Library Assistant  
St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

Professional Activities/Groups:  
ScMLA (Southern Chapter of MLA)  
1989-91 Membership Committee (TN)  
1993-present Research Committee

THESLA (Tennessee Health Sci. Lib. Assn.)  
1992-94 President Elect

AMAHSL (Assn. Memphis Area Hlth. Sci. Libs.)  
1993-present Internet Committee, Chair

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**Cancer Librarians Section  
Ballot**

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Roswell Park Cancer Inst.  
Buffalo, NY

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\_\_\_\_\_ Annelie Sober

Miller-Dwan Medical Center,  
Duluth, MN

\_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary:

\_\_\_\_\_ Halyna Liszczyński

Faxton Hospital, Utica, NY

\_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Section Council Rep:

\_\_\_\_\_ Margaret Vugrin

Texas Tech HSC Library,  
Lubbock, TX

\_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ Cindy Suter

St. Jude Children's Hosp.  
Memphis, TN

\_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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